

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application, of which claim 1 has been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,338,143 to Shimazaki (hereinafter “**Shimazaki**”).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Shimazaki discloses an electronic device including a power supply circuit selectively providing an external power source or an internal power source, a first part determining whether the external power source is selected, a second part detecting a type of a functional unit used in the electronic device, and a third part which controls to supply the functional unit with electricity from one of the external and internal power sources on the basis of determination results obtained by the first and second parts.

Shimazaki fails to disclose that the internal power source is lower in voltage than the external power source, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application.

Thus, the 35 USC §102(e) rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over **Shimazaki** and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,764,502 to Morgan et al. (hereinafter “**Morgan et al.**”).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Morgan et al. discloses an integrated electronic power system, and has been cited for teaching a reverse flow resist means.

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Morgan et al. fails to teach, mention or suggest that the internal power source is lower in voltage than the external power source, as recited in claim 1, from which claim 5 depends.

Thus, the 35 USC §103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-5, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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